

ADDRESS BY THE RT. REV. DR. GEORGE WILLIAM K. TIBEESIGWA (D. MIN.; M.DIV.; B.TH.; B.A (SOCIOLOGY); DIP. TH.; TR'S CERT.) BISHOP OF ANKOLE DIOCESE ON THE OCCASION OF HIS INSTALLATION AS THE 2ND CHANCELLOR OF BISHOP STUART UNIVERSITY – 8TH DECEMBER 2007

1. Recognition of Dignitaries:

- The Guest of honour – The Rt. Rev. Dr. Edward B. Muhima, Bishop of North Kigezi Diocese representing the Archbishop of the Church of Uganda
- The Rt. Rev. Elisha Kyamugambi and Mrs. Mabel Kyamugambi. The founding and retired 1st Chancellor of Bishop Stuart University and retired Bishop of Ankole Diocese
- The Rt. Rev. William K. Magambo and Mrs. Joy Magambo – The outgoing Chancellor and Orator of the day
- The Synod members, Ankole Diocese
- The Trustees, Bishop Stuart University
- Professor E. Sabiiti – The Chairman of the University Council and all the Council members
- All the Civic and Political Leaders in your respective capacities
- Ministry of Education Officials of the Republic of Uganda
- All the Ecclesiastic and other Religious Leaders
- Senior Citizens present
- Professor Jossy Bibangambah – The Vice Chancellor
- Representatives of other Universities and Educational Institutions
- All the Stakeholders of Bishop Stuart University
- All invited Guests, Parents and Guardians
- All the Administrative, Faculty Deans, Academic and Support Staff
- All Staff and Students of Former Bishop Stuart Teacher Training College
- Alumni of Bishop Stuart University
- The Guild President
- All Students
- Ladies and Gentlemen

2. Introduction

The Guest of honour and the esteemed congregation present. Praise and glory be to God. We bring you warm greetings from Ankole Diocese.

My dear wife whom I would like to introduce to you and I are extremely delighted to be part of you. Thank you for your love and welcome. We are happy to come to our home/cradle institution, which made a great contribution to what we are today. We have a natural and social attachment or affinity to Bishop Stuart University.

3. Congratulations and Appreciation

We sincerely appreciate and congratulate the Synod of Ankole Diocese, the Christians of Ankole Diocese both Lay and Ordained, the Province of the Church of Uganda for the trust and confidence in us for our election, consecration and installation as the 4th Bishop of Ankole Diocese subsequent to our installation as the 2nd Chancellor of Bishop Stuart University. We have received with thanks the congratulatory messages from most of you especially from The Most Rev. Henry Luke Orombi, Archbishop, Church of Uganda and Chancellor of Uganda Christian University; Rev. Canon Prof. Stephen Noll, the Vice Chancellor of Uganda Christian University who registered his apology of in-ability to be present with us today. He wishes Bishop Stuart University success. Another message was received from Kampala International University through Associate Professor Karoro E. A., the Deputy Vice Chancellor - Western Campus.

We would like to extend and express our joy, congratulations and appreciation to the Trustees, the University Governing Council especially Prof. E. N. Sabiiti Chairman; the Vice Chancellor – Prof. Jossy Bibangambah the University Administrative, Academic, Support Staff, Parents, Guardians, Government of Uganda - Ministry of Education (NCHE) the community around, Alumni and Students for the remarkable growth and development registered.

Guest of honour, thanks for gracing this occasion and carrying out this ritual.

Special congratulations and appreciation go to our retired founding Bishop of Ankole Diocese and 1st Chancellor – The Rt. Rev. Elisha Kyamugambi and Mrs. Mabel Kyamugambi for the tremendous pioneering work well done. Thanks ever so much. We also thank Bishop William Magambo and Mrs. Joy Magambo as Caretaker Bishop of Ankole Diocese and Caretaker Chancellor for the effective leadership rendered during the waiting time.

We welcome and congratulate Prof. Jossy Bibangambah as our Vice Chancellor – upon the renewal of his term of service for the next 5 years (never change a scoring member of the team). The same welcome and congratulations go to all the new employees of the University in different categories.

We praise and thank God for the University Bus, increased Students and infrastructural developments among many other registered achievements.

Bishop Magambo, thanks ever so much for your citation/introductory remarks.

4. Acceptance of the Role and Responsibility

Our calling to the Episcopate ministry and subsequently being Chancellor of Bishop Stuart University came to us as a surprise. This is the nature of God and the way He does

His things. By His Grace He called us and we humbly obeyed and responded. Thank you for being part of the process for our coming. **We humbly accept the call, the Role and Responsibility of Chancellor of Bishop Stuart University. We receive the button/mantle, trusting God's help and your support.**

5. **Commitment and Pledge**

We are committed, willing, determined and pledge to work for and enhance the Vision, Aim, Mission, Objectives and Goal of Bishop Stuart University to greater heights for the glory of God, development and prosperity of humanity.

We pledge to consolidate the good work already put in place. With the help of God and your cooperation, encouragement and advice, we hope to build very well on what we have been entrusted with and found on the ground. (1st Cor. 3:8-11)

We hope, pray and promise to carry out the roles and responsibilities expected of us as visitor, titular head of Bishop Stuart University, confer various academic awards to the qualified and deserving persons; appoint the Vice Chancellor and Vice Chancellors; give advice, represent, publicize and promote; solicit support for her growth and development.

6. **Our Methods of work**

- ✓ We believe in **TEAM WORK**. We are team players.
- ✓ Together with you we can do it.
- ✓ Cooperation and unity is strength.
- ✓ Love and healthy relationships are bonds and motivating values to keep carrying us moving on.
- ✓ Coming together is the beginning.
- ✓ Staying together is the process.
- ✓ Working together is success.
- ✓ Forward ever, Backward never.
- ✓ Never, never give up on pursuing and doing good.
- ✓ Never change a winning team – for the sake of change. You only substitute the players. (We are substitutes to the Kyamugambis and the Magambos. They will keep on the team as Coaches, advisors, consultants and prayer/worriers/intercessors.)
- ✓ Keep learning, researching and discovery is another secret of success.
- ✓ Sustainable continuity of the excellent work already done will be consolidated.
- ✓ Listening, participatory engagement, cooperate decision-making and immediate implementation of set plans shall be our approach.
- ✓ Tested new ideas and innovations will be the strategy.
- ✓ Opportunities will be identified, tapped and used.
- ✓ Challenges and threats will be faced and handled with positive minds and turn them into opportunities to serve God and humanity through Bishop Stuart University.
- ✓ Respect for and value of all people, recognition and use of their unique talents will be our tool.

7. **Appeal**

The Guest of honour, distinguished guests, the University Stakeholders and community, a University Chancellor alone cannot do the work of developing and sustaining Bishop Stuart University to the desired and aspired for great heights and prosperity so as to achieve our goal of creating a University with a difference, which will offer desirable, affordable, available and accessible services. The task is enormous. It needs all of you/us Stakeholders to sacrifice, contribute ideas, assets,

prayers, money, property, human resources, time, etc. unity of purpose and focused strategic planning are a must.

Identification and assessment of felt needs prioritization of the same, drawing SMART goals, implementation of the plans will be the best way forward.

Quality and standards assurance have no substitute but a must if we are to out compete others.

8. Conclusion

Guest of honour and the esteemed congregation once again thank you for your trust in us. Thanks for your presence. Together with you, our God in the lead, we shall see Bishop Stuart University a better University.

We accept the noble role and responsibility. We commit ourselves and pledge to do our best together with you all. We appeal to you to be active participants in the cause, growth and development of Bishop Stuart University so as to achieve the goal for which Bishop Stuart University was established.


On 1st December 2006 we pledged to contribute 20 volumes for our Library. We shall now increase them to 50. We shall bring them in 2 weeks time.

In the name of God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen

“OUR GOD REIGNS” for “Creating a World of Realized Potential.” Through Bishop Stuart University.

May God bless you and bless Bishop Stuart University.

Wishing you a blessed, Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year – 2008.



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